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Notice of Grant Availability- Community Windswept Grant Program

Program Description: Grants for community-scale wind projects located within Maryland that range in size from 100 kW to 1000 kW

Program Budget: \$1.1 million in fiscal year 2014

Eligible Entities: Businesses, State government agencies, local governments, and non-profits

Type of Grant Program: Competitive

Grant Evaluation Criteria: Applications will be evaluated competitively based on greatest project capacity, greatest funding leverage, and the presence and quality of a feasibility study. The feasibility study should clearly analyze the technical and economic components of the proposed project. Preference will be given to applications using turbines certified by the Interstate Turbine Advisory Council, Small Wind Certification Council, or that are New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) eligible. Only applications that demonstrate a viable project and are able to articulate a defined benefit to the local community will be selected for funding. Possible benefits include, but are not limited to, community ownership, community power purchase, or serving load at a local community, academic, or municipal facility.

Incentive: The lesser of up to \$3,000 per kW of Normalized System Capacity (turbine output at 11m/s wind speed) or up to 50% of net project costs after deducting all federal, state, and local tax incentives as well as any grant funding from federal, state, and local governments, as well as private entities; up to the maximum fiscal year 2014 program budget of \$1.1 million. Net project costs may include design, permitting, construction, materials, and project management.

Application Deadline: May 15, 2014

Restrictions and Limitations:

- Applicants selected for an award will be required to enter into a Grant Agreement with MEA by no later than June 15, 2014.
- Awards will not be made for projects that start construction prior to the effective date of the Grant Agreement with MEA.
- Prior to the start of construction, selected projects must be reviewed by the Maryland Historic Trust (MHT) or the qualified historical preservation expert on MEA's staff to ensure that no historical property will be adversely impacted. Grantee may be asked by MEA for additional information concerning the proposed project site, in order to enable the historic preservation review.
- All projects selected to receive fiscal year 2014 *Community Windswept* grant awards must be completed and operating, with the *Community Windswept* Grant Completion Package submitted to MEA, by June 15, 2015. The *Community Windswept* Grant Completion Package consists of the *Community Windswept* Completion Certificate; proof that the project is paid in full; copies of all inspection documents, permits, and licenses that are required to operate the project; and a photograph of the installed and operational project.

- Only net metering projects will be considered for this opportunity.
- MEA reserves the right to obligate all or none (\$0) of the fiscal year 2014 *Community Windswept Grant Program* budget, based on the quality and eligibility of applications submitted to MEA.

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